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Sent: 3/5/2012 1:49:24 PM
To: Jeannine Hale [Hale.Jeannine@epamail.epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Fw: Corpus IWG planning mtg.- THURSDAY 3/1/12 9 AM - please sit in on this for us

Sure - I believe Charles Fisher sent us his latest write up of question/answers last week. I'll work on a cover letter for your review as well as look at Charles' write up.

From: Jeannine Hale/R6/USEPA/US
To: Linda Falk/R6/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 03/05/2012 07:30 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: Corpus IWG planning mtg.- THURSDAY 3/1/12 9 AM - please sit in on this for us

Linda

I would like to get Heather those answers this week- can you help us do that? I will want to send them with a cover letter. If you could draft the letter and review the answers to see if they are complete, I will let Sam know we are moving ahead
Thanks
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Sent: 03/05/2012 07:00 AM CST
To: Jeannine Hale
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Thank You ma'am - sounds like a good plan....Lionel has done this numerous times and I think he'll be glad to show you and Troy the area. The smaller the group the more comfortable he is sharing his concerns while showing you around. If there's anything you need from me before you go just let me know.

Linda

From: Jeannine Hale/R6/USEPA/US
To: Linda Falk/R6/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 03/04/2012 04:57 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Corpus IWG planning mtg.- THURSDAY 3/1/12 9 AM - please sit in on this for us

Linda

We will just save our travel dollars and Troy and I will go down as originally planned. Just tell James to cancel yours.
Thanks
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From: Linda Falk

Sent: 03/01/2012 08:06 AM CST

To: Jeannine Hale

Subject: Re: Fw: Corpus IWG planning mtg.- THURSDAY 3/1/12 9 AM - please sit in on this for us

Good Morning Jeannine - if it is all right with you I'd like to request a change in EJ liaisons for the CC mtg. next week- Yesterday I didn't realize that this class that I've been wanting to go to starts next Monday thru Thursday. It's a class that doesn't come up very often (near my house) & a class I've been looking for. Will it be ok for Nelda to go to Corpus? Nelda knows Leonel and the colonia issues from having worked with Lionel first before I was assigned the colonias. And Nelda is also fine with going, but we know that we need your ok first. I can provide Nelda with the background emails and let Troy know too.

I will still get on the 9:00 call this morning with SQ today.

Just let me know.

Thank U

Linda

Beginner's Raja Yoga Meditation Course

Monday - Friday

Course Dates:

Session 1: Mon. Mar 5th

Session 2: Tues. Mar 6th

Session 3: Wed. Mar 7th

Session 4: Thur. Mar 8th

Course

Length:

4 Sessions

Time: 7 to 8:30p.m.

* Please arrive at 6:45p.m. before

Session 1 for registration

Address:

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Jeannine Hale/R6/USEPA/US

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Cc: Nelda Perez/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, Israel Anderson/R6/USEPA/US@EPA

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Corpus IWG planning mtg.

Thu
03/01/2012
9:00 AM -
10:00 AM

Jeannine Hale

Chair: Sherri White/DC/USEPA/US

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Federal IWG partners please join this call if you are available. I have included some background materials for your information. EPA R6 and I will coordinate on putting together a packet of information that will include anticipated questions that may be asked during the stakeholder dialogue.

Sherri

Call in: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
PIN: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Corpus Christi's Refinery Row is a 10 mile stretch of heavy industry containing the largest cluster of major oil refineries in the United States. Located in this immense industrial district are classic Environmental Justice (EJ) communities. According to the 2000 census, the vast majority of the EJ residents along refinery row are people of color and low-income.

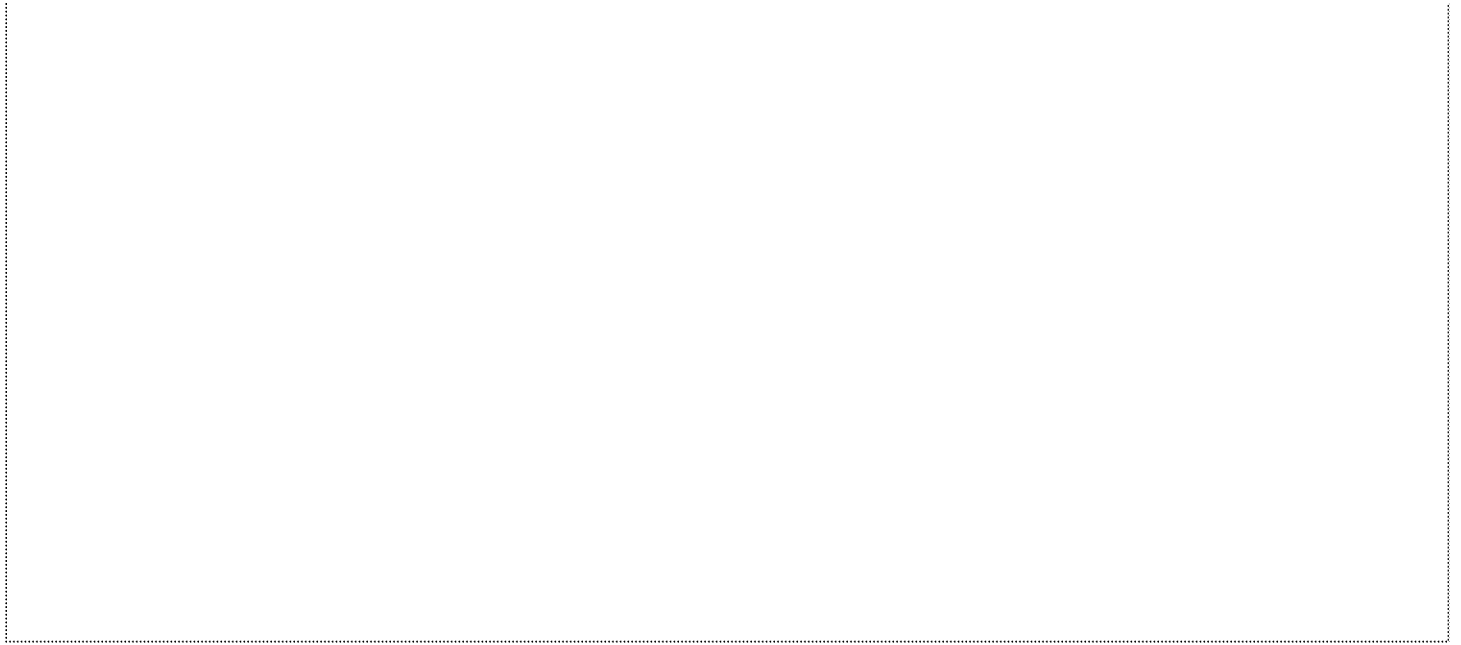
One such community, the Hillcrest community was originally affluent; however, in the late 1930s the refineries begin to be built in this eastern end of what is now referred to as refinery row, in turn, residents of this affluent community begin to move away from the heavy industry and the City zoned the area for African-Americans – a classic environmental racist situation.

The coming decades brought more refineries, supporting chemical plants and other facilities and additional communities sprung up in close proximity to industry, communities like Dona Park and Academy Heights. In the 1970s IH 37 was built. This compounded the problems for the refinery row residents as the highway methodically cut off these communities from the rest of Corpus Christi.

For several decades these communities have had to endure more than their fair share of pollution, health problems, explosions, fires, smoking flares, vibrations, contaminated groundwater and petroleum coke in their homes and property. Moreover most of the facilities store and use the deadly chemical hydrogen fluoride, a chemical capable of creating another Bhopal catastrophe. Because of events at neighboring facilities involving the release of HF, people live in constant fear of dying due to a release of this highly toxic chemical.

Through the years the topic of buy-outs has come and gone. In the late 1990s one fence-line community, the Oak Park Triangle community, was relocated by Citgo refinery, but still Hillcrest, Dona Park and Academy Heights and Tuloso Rd. remain.

It is our obligation to ensure that the residents of the EJ communities along refinery row that desire to relocate away from heavy industry at a fair price, be able to do so. Dr. Al Armendariz, US EPA Regional Administrator for Region 6 deemed that these communities are located too close to heavy industry [i]and that they bear more pollution than people that live away[ii]. The face of Corpus Christi's north side where refinery row is located will soon change due to the construction of a new Harbor Bridge. The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDot) cites one of the desired outcomes of building a new bridge that is higher in elevation than the existing one is to help local industry expand by bringing in larger ships[iii]. Therefore, the environmental fate for these already overburdened communities is bleak when you consider the cumulative impact of living by an expanding industrial district and the additional noise and pollution the new Harbor Bridge will inevitably bring.



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